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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY FOR PARSKY FROM BOYATT

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, CI (SECRETARY SIMON)

SUBJ: OVIP - SECRETARY SIMON VISIT TO CHILE

1. AT OUR BREAKFAST MEETING, DURING A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE JOINT CAUAS/SIMON PRESS CONFERENCE, CAUAS SUGGESTED TO ME THAT HE AND SECRETARY SIMON ISSUE A JOINT WRITTEN STATEMENT. I SAID THAT I WOULD ELICIT SECRETARY SIMON'S VIEWS.
2. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A JOINT WRITTEN STATEMENT IS A GOOD IDEA. IT WOULD ABSORB A GREAT DEAL OF TIME TO ACHIEVE AN AGREED DRAFT AND, IN ANY CASE, I BELIEVE IT PUTS SECRETARY SIMON IN A NO WIN SITUATION. THE CHILEAN SIDE WILL TRY TO AVOID ANY MENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR PAROLE PROBLEMS, WHICH SECRETARY SIMON WOULD NOT ACCEPT. ANY STRONG STATEMENT OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE CHILEANS.
3. I SUGGESTED TO CAUAS THAT PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE PROBLEM WAS TO PREPARE DRAFT WRITTEN GUIDELINES WHICH THE TWO PRINCIPALS COULD APPROVE AND USE AS AN OUTLINE FOR RESPONDING TO PRESS QUERIES BUT WITHOUT RELEASING ANYTHING WRITTEN.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.

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